

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. In view of the allowance of the generic claim 32, previously withdrawn dependent claim 60 is now allowable.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Glenn M. Massina on May 14, 2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 58, lines 8-9 "at least one piezoelectric actuator that actuates a slide and detects the slide's position" has been changed -- at least one piezoelectric actuator that actuates a slide and the at least one piezoelectric actuator detects the slide's position--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 32, 44, and 55-62 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

On pages 2 and 3 of the Remarks of the Amendment dated January 2, 2008, Applicants stated the reasons that independent claims 32 and 56 is patentable over Yamamoto et al. (US 4,014,414).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARIANO SY whose telephone number is (571)272-7126. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi, can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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